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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Tuesday, 28 April 1953

25X1 PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Messrs. Wisner, Wolf, Kirkpatrick,  
25X1 Helms, [redacted]. Sheldon [redacted]

25X1 Mr. Dulles:

25X1 a. Noted the cable [redacted]  
25X1 respecting the recommendations of [redacted] and Counsellor of  
25X1 Embassy [redacted] that CIA consider employing [redacted] a political  
25X1 officer who is being released from State due to reduction in force,  
and asked that Messrs. Helms and Sheldon and/or Amory prepare a co-  
ordinated reply.

b. Referred to General Clark's "offer" of \$100,000 for a MIG and asked if this had been fully coordinated. General Cabell noted that it had in the Pentagon, and Mr. Wisner stated he had been advised by Tracy Barnes that in February a cable had been sent to CINCFE regarding this subject and a reply had been received indicating that while the matter was under consideration no assistance was required from Washington at that time. In response to a query from the Director, General Cabell stated when this matter was first discussed in the Pentagon it was his understanding that the \$100,000 offer was good in Europe as well as the Far East.

c. Stated that during a recent talk with the President, the President had expressed concern over the indiscriminate use of consultants by the several governmental agencies and stated it was his desire that the use of consultants be kept to a minimum consistent with the performance of the duties of the agencies concerned. Mr. Dulles said that the President had particularly mentioned his opposition to paying consultants on a standby basis. The Director noted he had advised the President that: (1) all consultants employed by this Agency were personally approved by him; (2) we did not pay any of them on a standby basis, but rather for services rendered as required. Mr. Wolf stated that in addition to this, toward the end of each fiscal year each office head was queried as to whether it was desirable to retain his consultants during the next year. The Director stated that: (1) he desired this practice to continue and in those instances where a consultant had not been used, the contract for such individuals should be terminated; (2) within the bounds of security, letters of appreciation, where appropriate, should be sent to those consultants whose services have been terminated.

General Cabell:

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a. Asked if consideration had been given to having the Director of Training and the Assistant Director for Communications attend the

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General Cabell (Continued):

Deputies' Meetings. The Director noted that he wished to keep the attendance of these meetings to a minimum, however, he would give thought to this suggestion.

Mr. Wisner:

25X1            a. Reported that [redacted] had "employed" General Donovan to survey IIA activities in the medium-to-light PW field in Europe.  
25X1            General Donovan plans to leave on or about 9 May and [redacted] has invited CIA to designate a representative to accompany Donovan on his inspection trip and collaborate in making joint recommendations. Mr. Wisner said he had countered this offer with a tentative proposal that rather than sending a representative, Donovan get in touch with [redacted] S-5.53  
25X1            [redacted] The Director stated he believed our best purposes could be served by allowing a junior officer, who would make no commitments, to accompany him, and suggested a certain officer who is well known to General Donovan. After some further discussion, the Director asked DD/P to furnish him his recommendations on this suggestion.

b. Noted that the number of CIA-owned automobiles would surely be raised by Congressman Taber at tomorrow's hearing, and after some discussion it was agreed that Colonel White would handle the domestic side of this question and Mr. Wisner the overseas.

25X1            c. Referred to the latest cables [redacted] regarding [redacted] and after some discussion wherein the Director agreed with the stand taken [redacted] in these cables, Mr. Helms undertook to mention these messages at the Consultants' Meeting on Wednesday afternoon.

d. Raised the question of the disposition of the returning U.S. POW's, and after some discussion Mr. Helms undertook to determine, in coordination with D/DCI, "what was going on in this regard". (NOTE: There appear to be conflicting reports on this matter; i.e., these POW's will either be sent to Valley Forge Hospital, or to a veterans hospital close to their homes.)

25X1            [redacted]  
25X1            a. Reported that prior to his departure he had requested an appointment with [redacted] to discuss any questions which he [redacted] might wish raised with the Director. [redacted] said there was a lapse of about four days from the time of his request until he saw [redacted] and therefore he believed that the following points raised by him [redacted] had been fully staffed: (1) War Planning dealing with CPC -- which need not be discussed at the Deputies' Meeting, but would be taken up at the proper level within the Agency; (2) the Far East Conference. [redacted] noted that [redacted] had stated it might be beneficial to hold this Conference on a service level and hoped that Mr. Wisner would head our delegation. The Director said he was still somewhat puzzled over this matter and was inclined to believe

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25X1 [REDACTED] (Continued):

25X1 that until such time as a truce is declared in Korea, or the truce talks are terminated, any discussion [REDACTED] would be futile and in particular he was just not convinced that anything would be gained in holding these talks at this time. After some discussion the Director stated this matter should be considered by all concerned with a view to giving [REDACTED] a concrete answer [REDACTED] either orally or in the form of a letter from the DCI [REDACTED]

25X1 [REDACTED]

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